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With the award of the multi-million dollar Downtown Revitalization Improvement Grant, the City of Oneonta and SUNY Oneonta are collaborating to bring Artspace to Oneonta to conduct a feasibility study to understand the implementation of a successful, self-sustaining arts development project.

Artspace is a nonprofit real estate developer specializing in creating, owning and operating affordable spaces for artists and creative businesses.

Artspace's study will help the City of Oneonta and SUNY Oneonta understand and explore key elements that will determine the feasibility of, and engage key stakeholders to build support for, a live/work project for artists in downtown Oneonta.

A visit, occurring October 23-25, 2018, will include site visits of potential project locations, meetings with stakeholders and local artists, and will culminate in a meeting open to the public that will include demonstrations by local artists and performers.

Members of the core group include: Richard Barlow (Hartwick College); Colleen Brannan (Project Facilitator/SUNY Oneonta Chief of Staff); Joanna Cacciola (Community Arts Network of Oneonta Board Secretary and Hartwick College Development Assistant); Betsy Westad Cunningham (Artware Owner); Gary Herzig (City of Oneonta Mayor); Carol Mandigo (Artistic Director of Catskill Puppet Theater and LEAF Prevention Specialist); Melissa A. Nicosia (City of Oneonta Council Member); and Elizabeth Raphaelson (Underground Attic Vintage Boutique Owner).

For more information on Artspace, visit <http://www.artspace.org>

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